



# Grassroots American Values

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This is not a Politically Correct organization. We do not exist to make people feel comfortable. So, feel free to feel uncomfortable!

## About this Newsletter

National news often distracts us from local events. This Newsletter is intended for Conservatives in the Firelands area that want to be informed and involved. **You have our permission to send it to your Conservative friends, either by snail mail or E-mail.**

**5.7% of your State Income Taxes fund all Ohio Public Libraries**  
**Learn how: <http://www.olc.org/budget03/WhatisLLGSF.pdf>**

## **Merry Christmas** **The Grinches who Stole Christ from Christmas**

In this greatest nation on God's green Earth –to quote Michael Medved— it has become fashionable to be politically correct. We from GAV pride ourselves on being unfashionable. So, here is a list of companies that banned Christ from **Christmas**:

**Banana Republic** - No mention of Christmas on web site.

**Bed Bath & Beyond** - No holidays at all.

**Barnes & Noble** - "Gift Guide," "Holiday gift baskets," "Holiday sled," "Holiday delivery". No Christmas trees in stores; employees are not allowed to say "Merry Christmas."

**Best Buy** - "Unique gifts for the season," "Holiday gift ideas"; "Merry Christmas" is disrespectful.

**Dick's Sporting Goods** – No mention of Christmas in web site.

**Eddie Bauer** - Customer service doesn't "want to offend Jews, those who celebrate Kwanza and those who have no religious preference."

**Gap** - "Holiday Survival Guide" with no mention of Christmas.

**Home Depot** - Stores have "Holiday Home Accents."

**K-Mart** - Selling "Holiday trees" and "Holiday wreaths."

**Lowe's** - Employees cannot say "Merry Christmas" only if customers initiate.

**Toys 'R' Us** - "Holidays" in, "Merry Christmas" out.

These companies believe we, the majority, have no right to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ:

**Dillard's - JC Penney - Joann Fabrics - Kohl's - L.L. Bean - Linens 'N Things - Macy's - Michaels - M&M-Mars Candies - Target - Wal-Mart**

We already picked our shops. Have you?

**GAV wishes you a blessed Christmas!**

## Grassroots American Values Has First Dinner Meeting



As reported by the Sandusky Register (*For the Record*, 11/21/06) we held our first Dinner meeting on November 15, 2006, which was sold out. The venue was at the Three Monks Restaurant, in Avery.

President Milla Kette addressed the group on the meaning of Conservatism and the need for Conservative grassroots involvement in our local government. Also presiding over the meeting were Vice-President Peg Ramm and Board Members Jean Wasylik and Tracy Enderle. From the enthusiasm of those in attendance, Conservatism is alive and well in Erie County!



Attendants came from Huron, Sandusky, Milan, Norwalk and Port Clinton. Look for information about the next dinner in our newsletter.

### **Summary of GAV Presentation**

***Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:***

***If it moves, tax it.***

***If it keeps moving, regulate it.***

***If it stops moving, subsidize it.***

***Ronald Reagan***

Grassroots American Values is not a political organization. It is a Conservative advocacy group. We believe Conservative government starts right here, not in Washington, DC.

### **What is a Conservative?**

A Conservative believes...

- in a Conservative interpretation of the Constitution.
- the constitution is not a "living" document, it is a **legal** document.
- freedoms and rights are not granted to us by the Constitution but by God.
- the Constitution limits the actions of Government, not its Citizens. (A Liberal interpretation of the Constitution would loosen the chains on government.)
- government exists to provide only essential services and should not be in the quality of life business –that is for private citizens.
- marriage is between a man and a woman. Marriage is not to benefit the husband and wife, but the biological offspring.
- an unborn child is a person, and as such has rights and should be protected.

## What is happening locally?

Erie Metro Parks...

- confiscated land from River Rd. residents.
- acquired large tracts of land along Cleveland Road with State assistance.
- hired a Ranger for \$66,000/year and rented him a \$252,000.00 home for \$375/month. The taxes on this property are \$147/month.

Erie County Dept. of Environmental Services...

- awarded Landfill Gas project to a Massachusetts firm over Huron firm (the project originators), and squandered an excellent opportunity to benefit local industrial gas users.
- will not allow a local nursery to use organic landfill waste because it may impact the Department of Environmental Services' future Landfill Gas sales opportunity!
- is positioning itself to control water for all of Erie County to include Huron, Sandusky, Milan, and Vermillion.

Do we really want one Department to become this large and powerful? Are they working in the best interests of Erie County Citizens or themselves?

Our Public Libraries...

According to Section 2907.31. Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles (C) (1): *It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section, involving material or a performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles, that the material or performance was furnished or presented for a bona fide medical, scientific, educational, governmental, judicial, or other proper purpose, by a physician, psychologist, sociologist, scientist, teacher, librarian, clergyman, prosecutor, judge, or other proper person.*

Unfortunately this is just the tip of the iceberg.

## So, what is **Grassroots American Values** doing?

We have confronted the Erie County Commissioners and the Department of Environmental Services. Stand by for updates –this is an on-going issue.

We also confronted local libraries and found them mostly unresponsive. We concluded the Library problem cannot be solved at the local level.

## How we intend to solve problems:

- Recruit and enlist like-minded volunteer members and contributors
- Establish committees and committee assignments
- Monitor and report local governmental activities to the membership
- Find consensus among members and contributors
- Formulate action plans
- Organize activities

## **What do we need most of all? YOU!**

On January 20, 1981 Ronald Reagan stated that: "We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say that we're in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look."

GAV believes these Reagan heroes are the supporters of the true values of the Founding Fathers of this country –and they live right here, in the Firelands!

***Almost all the world's constitutions are documents in which governments tell the people what their privileges are.  
Our Constitution is a document in which "We the people" tell the government what it is allowed to do.  
Ronald Reagan***

### ***A Letter to the Sandusky Register Terry Kette***

A letter to the editor (*Tell kids the truth*, 10/26/06) stated:

*"Young adults armed with truth and awareness will make fewer mistakes when loosed into the 'big bad world' than those who lived in the fantasy world of Ward and June Cleaver, where sex, abortion and homosexuality do not exist."*

The writer's apparent contention is that if only public schools and libraries could provide enough "education" about abuse, the problem of abuse would go away. While I agree children armed with "truth and awareness" may be able to stop the cycle of abuse, the question is whether our public institutions are prepared to arm them with truth and awareness.

Educating adolescents in the mechanics of sex and violence without moral context can hardly be expected to solve the problem of abuse. Public institutions have made an art form of education devoid of moral context. Tolerance of inappropriate behavior has been elevated to the level of virtue by these institutions.

Imagine teaching children how to clean, load and fire a gun with no context about the right time to carry and use it. This is analogous to sex education in our public school and library system.

I believe "educating" children without moral context is dangerous. I believe if our public institutions are incapable of teaching without moral context, I would rather they keep our kids in the fantasy world of Ward and June Cleaver. Leave sex education to those who are willing to put the information into correct context.

### **Food for Thought**

*All things are lawful for me –but not everything is beneficial. All things are lawful for me – but I will not be controlled by anything. Saint Paul, Corinthians 6:12.*

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors. Plato

## CALLING ALL CONSERVATIVES!

**Phillys Schlafly will be in Cleveland March 10, 2007 in an event of the Eagle Forum.**

**For more information, contact the Eagle Forum of Ohio:  
3095 Silver Lake Blvd., Stow OH 44224.  
Phone: 330-688-4362**



Purchase the **2006 Fall Education Conference:**  
[www.edwatch.org/2006Oct14conf.htm](http://www.edwatch.org/2006Oct14conf.htm)  
You can also contact **EdWatch:** 952-361-4931

## PARENT ALERT: Help Keep Filth Away from Young Minds



*Should this kind of book be available at the Young Adult area of any Ohio Public Library?*

The Cleveland Public Library ([www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org)) is purchasing the Yaoi (yaoi = male to male sex in Japanese) comic book **Kiss of Fire**, by Youka Nitta. We asked the CPL's Director, Mr. Andrew Venable ([Andrew.Venable@cpl.org](mailto:Andrew.Venable@cpl.org)) to make sure this book is not available in their Young Adult area (YA=kids under 18). They already have *Yellow* (volume 2), by Makoto Tateno available for minors. The CPL classifies these books under "gay men" and "erotic comic books" and their audience is to be Young Adults! We offered a link to pictures of Yaoi so Mr. would understand why this kind of literature should not be available to children. Too graphic to be printed: [www.guidemag.com/temp/yaoi/a/mcharry\\_yaoi.html](http://www.guidemag.com/temp/yaoi/a/mcharry_yaoi.html). Mr. Venable sent a vague answer explaining that *if* the CPL has shelved materials "*inappropriately*" they will be "*shelved in the proper areas.*" Hopefully Mr. Venable is not going to give this task to the same ones responsible for shelving this filth in the wrong place!

## Keeping Age-inappropriate Literature Away from Minors

Alert Congressmen and Senators to what is available in Ohio Public Libraries for minors:

- ⇒ Ohio House of Representatives: <http://www.house.state.oh.us/index.html>
- ⇒ Ohio Senate: <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/index.html>

When they get a Library card, parents sign the most benign and vague disclaimer of their responsibility for what their children borrow (\*); they don't even get a copy of this contract. Schools have flashing lights, speed limit signs, special cross walks and crossing guards –

because children do not exercise good judgment. Why are they treated different in Libraries? To help parents Libraries should offer a card that will limit the kind of books minors can check out and keep age-inappropriate materials restricted to the Adult department.

(\*) See last document of letter # 3: <http://www.plan2succeed.org/grassroots/letters.html>

↗ Sandusky Public Library (\*\*), 114 W. Adams St., Sandusky OH, 44870  
Phone: 419- 625-3834, Fax: 419-625-4574 E-mail: [comments@sandusky.lib.oh.us](mailto:comments@sandusky.lib.oh.us)  
Board of Directors: <http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/public/aboutthelibrary.asp>  
↗ Huron Public Library, 333 Williams St., Huron OH 44839  
Phone: 419-433-50009, Fax: 419-433-7228 E-mail: [huron@oplin.org](mailto:huron@oplin.org)  
Board of Trustees: <http://www.huronlibrary.org/board.html>  
↗ Other Libraries: <http://www.publiclibraries.com/ohio.htm>

**(\*\*) The Sandusky Library has actually moved most age-inappropriate books to its Adult area and for this we are grateful. We hope the librarian will continue on this path.**



**“You are stuck on stupid,” Lt. Gen. Russel Honore**

### **G.A.V. Suggestions for your Library**

- *Everyday Graces: Child's Book Of Good Manners*, Karen Santorum (the *School Library Journal Review* –that praises pornography for children— bashes Santorum, which is a guarantee of good reading!)
- *Conservatives are from Mars, Liberals are from San Francisco*, Burt Prelutsky
- *American Mourning: a Story of Two Families*, Catharine Moy
- *White Guilt: How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era*, Shelby Steele

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please join with us and help us change the language of ORC § 2907.31., by eliminating language that exempts librarians and teachers from prosecution and adding language that

mandates prosecution for violations. Our children should not be exposed to age-inappropriate materials for “educational” purposes. Please, write a (**Certified**) letter to your Representatives asking them to review this law and eliminate the exemption for *teachers and librarians*, and require *no exemption without parental consent*:

- **Congress:** <http://www.house.state.oh.us/jsps/Representatives.jsp>

- **Senate:** <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/senators/index.html>

If you do not have access to the Internet, write to us (P.O. Box 286, Huron OH 44839) and we will be glad to provide the information for you. Below is a suggested letter to be sent to your Senator/Representative:

*Date*

*Representative/Senator name & address*

*Dear Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_:*

*I recently became aware that sexually graphic, harmful, and obscene books and materials can be found in children’s sections of Ohio Public Libraries. Since Ohio Public Libraries are funded by 5.7% of Ohio Income taxes, we are all stakeholders.*

*It seems there is language in the Ohio Revised Code that permits the dissemination of harmful and obscene materials to minors in Ohio Public Libraries and Schools. I ask that you refer to **§2907.31. Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, section (C) (1)**. The text of this section is as follows:*

*It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section, involving material or a performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles, that the material or performance was furnished or presented for a bona fide medical, scientific, educational, governmental, judicial, or other proper purpose, by a physician, psychologist, sociologist, scientist, teacher, librarian, clergyman, prosecutor, judge, or other proper person.*

*It seems public libraries and schools do not require explicit permission from legal guardians to disseminate harmful and obscene materials. Since our libraries and schools no longer seem to be able to discern “educational” and “scientific” materials from prurient materials, I ask that you return control of dissemination of these materials to the parents of minor children.*

*Please review this law, strike the exemption for teachers and librarians, and add language that would mandate local review and prosecution.*

*Respectfully,*

*Your name*

*Complete address*

## Deep Thoughts and Other Idiocies

- *"I am the son of a woman who was born illiterate."* More pearls of wisdom from "Lula" the Brazilian President, during speech for the International Women's Day, 3/8/04.
- *"[American soldiers in Vietnam] raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power, cut off limbs, blown up bodies, randomly shot at civilians, razed villages in fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan."* John F. Kerry, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, April 22, 1971.
- *"You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."* John Kerry during campaign speech for Phil Angelides on 10/30/06.

## How You Can Help

- Visit your local Library and learn what they have available for children and teens.
- Ask your Librarian about their policies.
- Make your position known to your Library.
- Write, call, fax, and email your local Library with suggestions of family friendly books for children and teens.
- If your Librarian does not act upon your concerns, contact the Library Board of Directors.
- Write, call, fax, and email your Congressman.
- Support Grassroots American Values in our efforts.

## Cool Blogs & Links

- <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/news/topstory/2003/0313irradiance.html> The sun actually... warms up! ☺
- [http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=50115](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=50115) ALA, the Censor
- <http://www.eagleforum.org/column/2006/nov06/06-11-08.html> Phyllis on censorship
- <http://chronicle.com/free/v52/i06/06b01201.htm> Lonely Conservative librarian
- <http://hereticallibrarian.blogspot.com> Another lonely Conservative
- <http://oneil.cx/WP/> One more?
- [http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=53139](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=53139) Nice crimes law
- [http://cbs2.com/topstories/local\\_story\\_321000136.html](http://cbs2.com/topstories/local_story_321000136.html) How long till we get there?
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbZ5jPJk4Dg> He is the man!
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8ltdXy9lxI> You go, Dennis!
- <http://www.obsessionthemovie.com/whatwecando.htm> Small steps, big results
- <http://www.obsessionthemovie.com/> They just **hate** us!
- <http://www.americancongressfortruth.com/> A brave woman
- <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=18272> Fairy & Santa in, Christ out!
- <http://www.reversespins.com/mysticalwashington.html> Washington on Religion
- <http://laiglesforum.com/2006/12/11/the-religious-left-in-bible-times.aspx> Religious Left

## Reporters & Writers Needed

**We are looking for volunteers to write 500 word editorial comments on local governmental activities. Writers can use a pen name if they do not want their real names disclosed. If interested, please respond to [grassroots@bex.net](mailto:grassroots@bex.net).**